

Semantics
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Call a woman a *kitten*, but never a *cat*;
You can call her a *mouse*, cannot call her a *rat*;
Call a woman a *chicken*, but never a *hen*,
Or you surely will not be her caller again.

You can call her a *duck*, cannot call her a *goose*;
You can call her a *deer*, but never a *moose*;
You can call her a *lamb*, but never a *sheep*;
Economic she likes, but you can't call her *cheap*.

You can say she's a *vision*, can't say she's a *sight*;
And no woman is *skinny*, she's *slender* and *slight*;
If she should burn you up, say she *sets you afire*,
And you'll always be welcome, you tricky old liar.